

Message

From: Overbey, Dian [Overbey.Dian@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/9/2020 4:59:01 PM
To: Leifer, Kerry [Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

Great! Thanks so much Kerry>

Dian

From: Leifer, Kerry <Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2020 11:58 AM
To: Overbey, Dian <Overbey.Dian@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

Hi Dian,

These are the ones I have:

- a) Siloxanes and silicones, hydroxyl Me, Me octyl, Me(gamma-omega-perfluoro C8-14 alkyl)-oxy, ether (CAS# 170424-64-3) (Not contained in any EPA registered pesticide)
- b) 1-Propanaminium, 3-((heptadecafluorooctyl)sulfonyl)amino)-N,N,N-trimethyl, iodide (CAS# 1652-63-7) (Not contained in any EPA registered pesticide)
- c) 1-Propanaminium, N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-3-((2-hydroxy-3-sulfopropyl)(tridecafluorohexyl)sulfonyl)amino)-N,N-dimethyl, hydroxide, monosodium salt (CAS# 81190-38-7) (Not contained in any EPA registered pesticide)
- d) 1-Propanesulfonic acid, 3-((dimethylamino)propyl)(tridecafluorohexyl)sulfonyl)amino)-2-hydroxy (CAS# 73772-32-4) (Not contained in any EPA registered pesticide)
- e) 1-Propanesulfonic acid, 3-((3- (dimethylamino)propyl)(heptadecafluorooctyl)sulfonyl)amino)-2-hydroxy, monosodium salt (CAS# 94133-90-1) (Not contained in any EPA registered pesticide)
- f) 1-Propanaminium, 3-((heptadecafluorooctyl)sulfonyl)(2-hydroxy-3-sulfopropyl)amino)-N-(2-hydroxyethyl)-N,N-dimethyl-, hydroxide, monosodium salt (CAS# 94133-91-2) (Not contained in any EPA registered pesticide)
- g) Perfluoroalkylsulfonate, quaternary salt (no CAS #) (Not contained in any EPA registered pesticide; last product canceled 15-Oct-2004)
- h) 2-[Methyl(perfluoroalkyl)alkyl(C2-C8)sulfonyl)amino]alkyl(C2-C8)methacrylates-N-methylolacrylamide copolymer (no CAS#) (Not contained in any EPA registered pesticide)
- i) Mono- and bis-(1H, 1H, 2H, 2H-perfluoroalkyl) phosphates where the alkyl group is even numbered and in the C6-C12 range. (no CAS#)

(This tolerance exemption was revoked on August 9, 2006 (71 FR 45408))

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Subject: RE: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

Kerry, could you please let me know the names of the eight PFAS-type inerts being removed from InertFinder?

Thanks,

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From: Leifer, Kerry <Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, December 09, 2020 8:13 AM
To: Aubee, Catherine <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>; Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>
Cc: Overbey, Dian <Overbey.Dian@epa.gov>
Subject: RE: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

We are now in the process of removing eight PFAS-type inert ingredients from listing in InertFinder based upon the fact that they have been confirmed as not being present as inert ingredients in any currently-registered pesticide products.

Kerry

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From: Aubee, Catherine

Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2020 2:29 PM

To: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>

Cc: Overbey, Dian <Overbey.Dian@epa.gov>; Leifer, Kerry <Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

Thank you! When Kerry is back on duty, he can confirm if these are legacy substances and we will take action to remove them from the database to avoid any future confusion.

Kerry previously shared the following with me, some of which may be useful in responding to the press inquiry:

"... the fact that a substance appears in InertFinder does not equate to it being used in currently registered products. However, to avoid these types of "findings" we would seek to remove such substances from the list once we verify that they are not being used in currently registered products."

Best,
Catherine
Associate Director
OPP Registration Division
US Environmental Protection Agency

On Dec 8, 2020, at 2:17 PM, Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Catherine,

Thank you so much for the quick response. When perfluoroalkyl is searched, here is a screenshot of the results.

<image002.jpg>

From: Aubee, Catherine <Aubee.Catherine@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:14 PM

To: Overbey, Dian <Overbey.Dian@epa.gov>

Cc: Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>; Leifer, Kerry <Leifer.Kerry@epa.gov>

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I think yes but we asked for specific information on which two chemicals were identified so we can follow up and remove from the system as appropriate. I never heard back.

Best,
Catherine
Associate Director
OPP Registration Division
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On Dec 8, 2020, at 1:59 PM, Overbey, Dian <Overbey.Dian@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Catherine,

We are trying to confirm that the PFAs inerts listed in the inert finder are there by mistake and should be removed. I've been trying to reach Kerry, but I understand he is on leave today.

Called your work cell but, like me, you haven't set up your voice mailbox!

Can you confirm? If so, ASAP?

Dian D. Overbey

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From: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, December 08, 2020 1:42 PM

To: Siedschlag, Gregory <Siedschlag.Gregory@epa.gov>; Ozmen, Shamus <Ozmen.Shamus@epa.gov>; Overbey, Dian <Overbey.Dian@epa.gov>

Cc: Drinkard, Andrea <Drinkard.Andrea@epa.gov>

Subject: FW: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

Can you verify asap that these chemicals are in there by mistake/need to be removed?
And then let's remove them ASAP?

From: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>

Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 1:28 PM

To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>

Cc: Dunn, Alexandra <dunn.alexandra@epa.gov>

Subject: Re: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

I believe the answer is yes, but please check with Catherine. Thanks.

Rick Keigwin

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Sent from my iPhone (Please excuse typos!)

On Dec 8, 2020, at 1:27 PM, Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

So, do these need to be removed from the database?

From: Keigwin, Richard <Keigwin.Richard@epa.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 1:25 PM
To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>
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Subject: Re: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS (deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

This question comes up periodically. I know OPP has tried to correct InertFinder. It might be helpful for the Comms Team to reach out to Catherine Aubee, the Associate Director of the Registration Division. She has spent quite a bit of time trying address the issue.

Rick Keigwin
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Sent from my iPhone (Please excuse typos!)

On Dec 8, 2020, at 1:20 PM, Dennis, Allison
<Dennis.Allison@epa.gov> wrote:

Head's up!

From: Hackel, Angela
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 6:11 PM
To: Dennis, Allison <Dennis.Allison@epa.gov>; OPS CSID
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Subject: Fwd: Quick question -- Inert Finder/PFAS
(deadline: 11 am EST, 12/8)

Hello,

Please see the below. Her deadline is 11:00 am tomorrow.

Please let me know how you would like to respond.

Thanks,

Angela

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Hello,

I'm working on a quick story about PFAS appearing in an insecticide, Anvil 10+10, and I noticed on EPA's Inert Finder application that perfluoroalkyl substances (seemingly two of them?) appear as approved ingredients for non-food use only. Just wanted to confirm that was the case and if there is any concern about those chemicals, and/or if EPA has any concern about PFAS appearing in pesticides generally?

Thanks so much for any help -- my deadline is tomorrow, 11 a.m. EST.

Best,
Ev

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